

Alexander House
Third Street # 26 & 28
New Castle, Delaware

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ALEXANDER HOUSE
26 and 28 Third Street, New Castle, Delaware

Owner: #26- John T. Stoopes
#28- Edward A. Taylor

Date of Erection: Rear in 1693; large front building after 1797. After 1828, separately owned as two independent houses. Some changes apparently made at that time.

Present Condition: Fair. It is said to have had interesting woodwork paneling, etc., now removed. The ground floor windows in #28 have been modernized and in #26 the sash have been changed from 9 over 9 to 6 over 6. Dormer window not original.

Number of Stories: Cellar and three and one half.

Materials of Construction: Brick walls. Plastered interior. Roof tin, formerly shingles.

Other Existing Records: Offices of Recorder of Deeds and Register of Wills of New Castle County.

Additional Data: This impressive structure divided into a pair of houses, has several points of interest. It counts as a single building. The twin front doors were evidently original as they appear on the elevation in the 1803 survey of New Castle, apparently as at present. The rather high and narrow windows alike in the three stories of the facade, with key blocks, are unusually close together, due to the desire for three front windows in each dwelling and consequently necessitating the minimum window width. The photograph of the rear of the building shows the old 17th Century structure with additions.

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